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: AND CONTROL METHOD) December 4, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also attached, together with a copy of a Japanese Office Action issued on November 9, 2007, in Japanese patent application No. 2002-190541 (a counterpart of the present application), in which the references were cited.

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For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstract or translation, respectively.

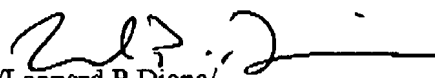
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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